

REMARKS

As indicated in the Office Action of November 8, 2007, claims 1-15, 18, and 22 are allowable. Claims 19-21 and 23-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite due to the term "such as."

Applicants have amended claim 16 to delete the term "such as thionyl chloride." Accordingly, the rejection of claim 16 has been overcome.

Further, to expedite the prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 19-21 and 23-28. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to the canceled subject matter in continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

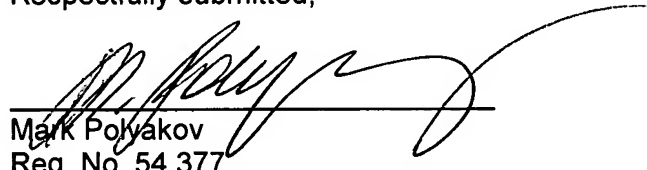
Accordingly, the rejection of claims 19-21 and 23-28 is now moot.

Because claim 19 has been canceled, Applicants have amended claim 22 to make it dependent from claim 1.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 16 and allowance of claims 1-16, 18, and 22 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 8, 2008


Mark Polyakov
Reg. No. 54,377
Wood, Phillips, Katz, Clark & Mortimer
500 West Madison Street
Suite 3800
Chicago, Illinois 60661-4592
T: 312.876.1800

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this Paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage at First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on February 8, 2008.


Alicia Diaz